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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ENZYME WHICH...

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2001, please amend as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with new rewritten claim 1 as follows below. A marked up version of the amended claim to show the changes made is attached hereto.

1 (Twice-amended). A purified recombinant thermostable enzyme having the following physicochemical properties:

(1) Action

Forming non-reducing saccharides having a trehalose structure as an end unit and having a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3 from maltotetraose or reducing amylaceous

